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SCHEUCHZERIA PALUSTRIS
POD GRASS

Pod Grass is a grass-like perennial with stems that are 20-40 dm high and arising singly from creeping rhizomes. The alternate leaves are 10-40 cm long, and almost cylindrical in outline. The lower stems are usually covered with old membranous sheathing bases. 3-12 stalked flowers are borne on the upper stem in the axils of reduced leaf sheaths. Each flower has 6 undifferentiated, greenish white, separate petals and sepals that are ca. 3 mm long, 6 stamens, and 3 ovaries that are united at the base. There are usually 3 capsules, 5-8 mm long, each with 2 seeds. Flowering in June, fruiting in July

Distinguished by the sheathing, grass-like leaves and relatively large, 3-parted fruits.